



TO THE  
General Council,

AND  
OFFICERS  
OF THE  
ARMY,

And to every MEMBER  
in particular:

**F**RIENDS, I am moved of the Lord to write unto you, in the Name and power of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in tender love and dear bowels of affection; and to the Measure of God in you all I desire to be made manifest and known. And I can truly say, my love is dear to you, and I know that my heavenly Father hath brought you now unto the place of Judicature, that ye may do Justice, where many others before you have been turned and overturned, and that shortly and suddenly, of late years; And now are ye come into their place, to be tried, and weighed in the ballance of true justice and judgement. And oh! that your eyes were open to see what the most high is doing in this his day of power, in this his day of grace, that so ye might not be blinded as others before you have been, who would not see the Lords hand, but acted as men corrupt, and to come to be thrown down by the power which they would not see. You have been the Instruments of warre, and the Battle-axe

in the hand of the Lord, which hath even beaten the mountains to dust; and now are ye come into their place which they were in with whom ye warred. And now are ye come into the place, where ye may execute that which ye formerly desired after, and suffered for, and laboured for, and warred for. And now that the Lord hath put it into your hands, even to try your faithfulness, and your integrity; Not that he hath any need of you, more then them that went before you, (as ye are men natural) but as you are righteous men, and guided by the just and righteous principle of God in you, so you may be serviceable unto the Lord God, for the accomplishing, and for the performing of the intents of his heart, which he hath determined, and decreed to bring to pass in these latter dayes, against which no weapon formed shall prosper, nor no power nor Arm can withstand; For the Almighty will shew forth his righteousness as the morning, and his glory as the noon-day. Therefore as ye love your soules, and your eternal peace, and as ye desire to be preserved by him, and kept, and upholden by the right hand of power, beware that ye turn not your hand against his work, that he is working in the earth in this his day. The powers of darkness hath long kept him out of his throne, and he hath holden his peace, & long been still; but now is he crying even as a travelling woman; & now will he arise, and destroy at once all those that will not that he should reign, whose right it is, who is the wonderful Counsellour, the Prince of Peace, of whose Dominion and Government there shall be no end. And as you desire that he should govern and Rule all Nations with his rod of Iron, now quit your selves like men, and that liberty for which ye have ventured your blood and lives, let it not now fall in the streets of great *Babylon*, when it is put into your hands freely to minister to the Nations. And let Christ Jesus (who is the supreme Judge in the conscience) have his throne established, which is for ever and ever. And let the everlasting Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ have its free passage, (which no man need be ashamed of) for it is the power of God unto salvation. And dear friends, as ye desire to be owned of the living God, and to be preserved and upholden by his power and strength, Come into seriousness and sincerity of heart, and let the just measure of God in you all lead you and guide you, and let his fear possess your hearts, for ye have seen what hath become of those that were before you. And truly Gods just hand was seen which would come upon them before it came. And now that ye may escape the scourge that hath  
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overturned them, is the desire of my soule. And as God hath honoured you, and made you Instruments for his service, so that ye now might be guided with that which may stand in his presence. For the Lord giveth wisdom, out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding, he layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous, he is as a buckler to them that walk uprightly, he keepeth the paths of judgement, and preserveth the way of his Saints, that they understand righteousness, judgement and equity, ye every good path. And truly friends, it is the uprightness of your hearts that God looks at, and that will only be accepted of him; And it hath been the rotten deceitfulness of the hearts of those that went before you, that was their overthrow. And so just as the intents of your hearts is for the advancing, and exalting of the horn of his Anointed, so will ye prosper in this work; For the decree of the Lord concerning this thing is sealed which shall never be revoked. Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel his holy One; to him whom man despiseth, to him whom Nations abhorreth, to a servant of Rulers; Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship because of the Lord that is faithful, and the holy One of Israel. This is he that must rule the Nations; whose Scepter is a righteous Scepter; and blessed will ye be if ye advance and exalt him whom God is exalting in this his day; The Spirit of the Lord doth rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of Counsell and of Might, the spirit of knowledge, and of the feare of the Lord; with righteousness doth he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the Rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips will he slay the wicked, and righteousness is the girdle of his loynes, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins; And this is he (Friends) that is springing out of the stemme of Jesse, and woe unto them that warre against him; This is the righteous branch that the Lord is bringing forth, the King that shall reign and prosper, whose Name is the Lord our Righteousness, which is better then every name, to which all Nations shall bow, and every tongue confess him to be Lord. And as ye advance, and exalt this, so will ye prosper, and so will ye be preserved in the midst of your enemies. And though we be but little and small in your eyes, a people despised, and every where spoken against, yet it will be good for you, if ye have our prayers; for we know the Rock, and the Corner Stone, and that which will prosper in his sight, and we have the testimony,

which will stand for ever; And no other foundation can any one lay then that which is already laid; but let every one take heed how he buildeth thereupon; for every ones work must be tried by the fire, and he whose work is burnt will suffer loss; for the day is risen and appearing that makes every thing manifest, of what sort it is. And truly friends, it must be a spirituall building that will stand in the presence of Almighty God; it is not the pot-sheards of the earth that can strive with him, nor Briars and Thornes that can stand before him in Battel (who is a consuming fire) nor an Image made, though of gold, and set up in the imaginations of men, that will stand in his sight; It is the true and living substance that will be accepted of him; Therefore dear hearts consider what the Lord is doing, and act not without his Counsell, nor to please men, lest ye act contrary to his will. Advance Justice, and Righteousness and equity, and you can never do amiss. Riches and honour is with me, (saith Solomon) yea, durable riches and righteousness. I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of Judgement; this is the Saints path, though fooles cannot erre therein. Here ye will know the key of David, of wisdom and knowledge, which will open unto you the way of life. Truly I am affected with you, and I know if ye execute justice and true judgement, the Lord will own you, and give you to tread on the necks of your enemies; But if ye fall flat, and grow cold and dead, and dull, and betray your own principles, (as some have done that went before you) then look for the same as they have had from an unchangeable God, who is the same to day and yesterday, and the same forever. And you that have ventured life and blood, for conscience, freedom and liberty, now beware that ye be not limiters, nor lords over Gods heritage; nor to keep him out of his throne, (as your predecessors have done) your fruits will make you manifest. And as ye sow, so will ye reap. It is not for any end concerning us, that I write this unto you (the living Record knowes) for we know the strait, and narrow path; and we have trodden the path that leades through sufferings; trials and afflictions have been our portion (as our Lord, and Master that went before us was made perfect through sufferings) and therefore it is our joy to follow his steps where ever he goes. And it is onely for your good, and that ye might be guided so as ye might prosper, For it is the grief of our soules to see the destruction of any; and therefore in tender bowels have we been moved

moved to give them many warnings, whose day was before you  
 which they cast behinde their backs: but for the Lord they will  
 stand a witnesse; when the day of their calamity comes, then  
 will they remember what they have done against the Lord and  
 against his Anointed: So that ye may be preserved out of the  
 gulfe of destruction, and that ye may partake with us of everlast-  
 ing peace, and rest, and safety, and joy which is for ever. And  
 those that wissheth well to Sion will prosper, for she is now aris-  
 ing, and shaking of the dust off her feet, and putting on her beau-  
 tifull garments: And the mountain of the Lords house is establi-  
 shed a top of the Mountaines, and shall be exalted above the hills,  
 and all Nations shall flow unto it; For out of Sion is going forth  
 the Law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And who  
 can stoppe, or who can stay this which God alone worketh and  
 judgeth among the Nations? And so we wait to see Justice and true  
 Judgement executed by you for the Lord, and not for men, or to  
 please men; For the Law was added because of transgression; and  
 so when true justice, and true judgement rules, then the Law is exe-  
 cuted upon the Transgressor; but who is led by the Spirit of God,  
 against such there is no Law. And so to the just and righteous  
 principle of God in you I commit you to be guided, and then I  
 know (it ye mind it) you will not be time-servers, nor men-plea-  
 sers, nor fear man whose breath is in his nostrills; but fear the Lord  
 God, who when he hath kill'd the body, can also cast the soule  
 into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear him; so will ye come to know  
 the just principle in every one, which will knit and unite your hearts  
 together, in the unity, and there will be your strength in the one spirit,  
 which joynes to the Lord, and one to another. This is the Standard  
 that stands against all the powers of Hell and Death. And truly  
 Friends, it is in this, which keeps out of respect of persons, and out  
 of time-serving, and men-pleasing, that will knit your hearts toge-  
 ther. And this will keep you out of strife, and contention one with  
 another; when the just principle in you all guides and leads, then  
 will righteousness be exalted. And here will be your very strength,  
 that ye be knit one to another, in that just and righteous me-  
 sur of the Spirit of God in you; that so ye may not be Judges nor Gover-  
 nours for men, but for the Lord, and for the advancing of his truth,  
 and the exalting of his Christ, which in this his day he is going to  
 establish upon his throne; notwithstanding all gain-sayers. Though

*Gog and Magog* should gather together, yet the Lord hath anointed his holy One, and his King he hath set upon his holy hill of Sion; and all that gather together against him, shall fall for his sake. Therefore in pure love to you; that ye may not be found fighters against God, am I moved to give you this warning, and this counsell, which ye shall acknowledge to be good, one day; whether ye now hear, or forbear; and that ye may not bear the sword in vain, (Hitherto ye have not borne the sword in vain) for the Lord hath made you victorious, and given you power over your enemies; and put into your hands what your hearts could desire, And now, oh that ye would come to execute justice, and true judgement would even be your preservation and your strength. And that ye may be the Rulers that are not a terrour to good works, but to the evill; that the good may not be afraid of your power, but the evill; and that ye may be the Ministers of God for good, and a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doth evill; and that your Acts and Ordinances may be for the Lords sake; That the people of God may submit unto you, and may be subject unto you; not for wrath, but for conscience sake; Forasmuch as you are set, and sent by the Lord for the punishment of evill doers, and for the praise of them that do well; For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of the foolish. And so this is your place, and calling, and now the power and the opportunity is put into your hands to do good; beware that ye do not abuse the power, nor make light of it, nor sleight it, nor turn the truth of God into a lye, as those have done that have gone before you; nor turn the sword against the Just; and the Righteous as they have done, and caused the just and the innocent to suffer, which God hath pleaded the cause of, though they were blind and did not see, nor would not hear the warning and the exhortation that was ministred unto them; yet God hath said, they shall see and be ashamed. And God will plead the cause of his own just and innocent Seed, that hath no helper in the earth, which hath long suffered under the hard bondage of Egyptian darknesse. But he hath seen the affliction of his seed, and he hath heard the cry of it, and he is come to relieve it. So if ever ye will have the powerfull God to own you, and honour you, Beware of strengthening the hands of the wicked, and the evill doers, and of turning your sword against the innocent; he is the same, and he liveth for ever, that hath said, *It were better that a Mill-Stone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the*

*Sea, then to offend one of his little ones.* This word endureth for ever and will be fulfilled every jot and tittle, though men make light of it, and doe not see the Weight nor the Depth of it; But when their day of calamity comes, then will they see what is due unto that which hath offended this which God so highly prizeth. Therefore as ye love your soules, and your eternal peace, beware what ye doe. now ye are in place and Authority; and now ye have power to act for God, if ye keep your hearts upright unto him, he will direct you; And if your faces be towards Sion, he will teach you of his wayes, that ye may walk in his paths, which will be out of the paths of the broad way that leads to destruction, which all that went before you, have walked in. And that ye may be preserved out of the snares of the fowler, which the wicked one layes for those that are in place of Authority (as you are in) is even the desire of my soule. And if your hearts be not corrupt, ye will be preserved; For out of the heart proceeds evill thoughts; Murder, and Adultery, Theft, false witness and Blasphemies; these are the things which defile the man. That which cometh out of a man defileth him, not that which entereth into him; Read that neare, and consider it seriously; for there is a great weight in those words; So keep to the just principle of God in you, that which keeps you clean out of advantages, out of time-serving, and men-pleasing; so may ye escape the Perditions that they fell into that went before you. And the God of all power give you to see and understand, that his righteousness he will exalt in this his day. And oh that ye could believe in your hearts, and confesse with your mouthes that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, then should ye be saved from the transgressing against the just; For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is borne of God, and every one that loveth him, that beareth, loveth him that is begotten of him; mark this, and read this neare: So if ye love God which hath begot, love that which is begotten of him in you, and this will keep you out of transgression, and out of persecution, and out of sinne and evill, and teach you to be a terrour to the evill doers, (not a terrour to the good) but a praise to them that doth well. And to this Word, and Power Eternall and Immortall, I commit, and commend you, which is able to save your soules; who in his time he shall shew,



shew, who is the blessed and onely Potentate, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who onely hath immortality dwelling in the light which no man can approach, who no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be Honour and Power everlasting. *A M E N.* See 1 Timothy 6. 15, 16.

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*From a true lover of true Peace  
and Righteousness, which is coming  
to rules for he hath taken upon him  
his great power, and there-  
fore the Nations are  
angry.*

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